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TAGS: EAIR

SUBJECT: CIVAIR: SAUDI REQUEST FOR AIR TRANSPORT  
AGREEMENT

REF: A) JIDDA 0380, B) STATE 009927

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INFORMATION TO ADVISE SAUDIS INFORMALLY OF RECENT DEVELOP-  
MENTS IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH SYRIA AND JORDAN, WHICH WILL  
HAVE TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT BY SAUDI PLANNERS, AND TO  
INDICATE USG INTERESTS AND CONCERNS REGARDING AIR SERVICES  
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NOTE TO THE SAG IS REQUIRED OR ADVISABLE (PARA 3 REF A)  
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PRESIDENT'S DECISION MAKE IMPERATIVE EARLY DELIVERY OF

NOTES MENTIONED REF B WHICH HAVE BEEN SHOWN IN DRAFT TO SYRIAN AND JORDANIAN AMBASSADORS AND WILL BE FINALIZED WITHIN A DAY OR TWO.

3. WE WOULD STRESS THAT SAUDIS DO NOT NECESSARILY HAVE TO GO TO SYRIANS AND JORDANIANS BUT CITE THIS JOINT VENTURE AS AN EXAMPLE OF THE TYPE OF ARRANGEMENT SAG MIGHT WISH TO CONSIDER, PERHAPS WITH OTHER ARAB NATIONS HAVING SIGNIFICANT AVIATION INTERESTS

4. FINALLY, WE WOULD NOTE THAT US DOES NOT TIE LANDING RIGHTS TO EQUIPMENT PURCHASES.

5. WE ALSO DRAW ATTENTION PARA 2 REF B, NAMELY, THAT, ALTHOUGH WE WOULD PREFER THAT SAUDIS AGREE TO POSTPONE THEIR REQUEST FOR AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT, WE WOULD BE PREPARED ARRANGE FOR TALKS TO DISCUSS MATTER IF SAUDIS PERSIST.

6. TEXTS OF DRAFT NOTES TO JAPAN AND SYRIA SENT SEPTTEL.

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